

Salvation: By Grace or By Works

Blackout of the Soul: The mentality of the soul, called nous in the Greek, comes under direct attack from the doctrines of demons. You must think something. If truth is rejected then the lie must be accepted. This is the principle of *mataiotes* found in:

Ephesians 4:17 - Therefore, I explain this and make an emphatic mandate by means of the Lord that you no longer walk as the unbelievers walk in the futility [*mataiotes: vacuum*] of their minds [*nous*].

Ephesians 4:18 - They are darkened [*skotowo*] in their way of thinking; they have been alienated from the life of God because of ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their streams of consciousness.

The sucking in of false doctrine darkens the soul much like smoke blots out the sun. The light is still there, it just can't be utilized.

Revelation 9:1 - I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth [**Satan**]; and the key to the shaft of the Abyss was given to him.

Revelation 9:2 - He opened the shaft of the Abyss with the result that smoke went up out of the shaft as smoke from a great furnace, and both the sun and the atmosphere were darkened [*skotoo*] by the smoke from the shaft.

Just as smoke obscures the sun even to the point of total darkness, so also false doctrine obscures the light of God's Word in the reversionist's stream of consciousness. This leads to the next stage of reversionism:

Scar Tissue of the Soul: This is described in Ephesians 4:18 by the phrase "the hardness of their heart (or streams of consciousness)." In fact, in Ephesians 4:19 we see the concept amplified along with the result of degenerating to stage seven:

Ephesians 4:19 - Because they have become callous [*aralgeo: insensitive*] and greedy, they gave themselves up to sensuality in order to indulge in all sorts of disgraceful vices.

Note the downward spiral of the reversionistic process. The grace system of didactics made available to all believers at salvation is exchanged for the cosmic system. Truth is rejected at stage 5 for the lie. The lie darkens the nous at stage 6. Volition transfers the lie into the kardia in stage 7 where it not only hardens the heart but lays down scar tissue or calluses over the doctrine once accepted and utilized for problem solving and decision making. The reversionist now has become insensitive to the issues involved in establishment morality and Christian integrity.

This sets him up for the final stage of reversionism.

Reverse Process Reversionism: At this point the lifestyle of the believer cannot be distinguished from that of the unbeliever. This is manifest by the complete reversal of thought, or what we have referred to as "soul inversion." What was once believed is now rejected, what was once loved is now hated, what was once revered is now scorned, what was once abhorred is now practiced.

The wages of reversionism are threefold:

1. The combination of “hardness of the heart” and “scar tissue of the soul” produces the status of “strong delusion.”

2 Thessalonians 2:11 - ... for this reason, God sends them the modus operandi of strong delusion and error so that they believe the lie.

2. Continuation in the reversionistic spiral.

2 Corinthians 11:3 - I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds [*nous*] should be led astray from the simplicity and the purity which is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:4 - For if someone comes and preaches another Jesus whom we did not preach, or you receive another spirit whom you had not previously received, or another gospel which you had not previously accepted, you put up with it willingly.

3. Intensified divine discipline terminating in the sin unto death.

1 John 5:16 - There is a sin leading unto death. Reviewing now our corrected translations:

CTL Hebrews 12:5 - And so, you yourselves have forgotten the doctrinal instruction which teaches you as sons:

CTL Proverbs 3:11 - My son, do not despise the chastening from the Lord ...

In the Proverbs 3 passage, Solomon is teaching Rehoboam to avoid mental attitude sins whenever he comes under the discipline associated with a reversionistic lifestyle.

In Hebrews 12:5, the writer is admonishing the Jerusalem believers to avoid mental attitude sins when they come under the discipline associated with their reversionistic lifestyle.

Because of the Jews' exposure to the Proverbs passage, they are said here to have forgotten its instruction. Solomon also goes on to advise his son, Rehoboam, to not loathe the discipline associated with rebellion.

The verb translated “weary” (KJV), “resent” (NIV), or “loathe” (NAS), is the Hebrew verb, *qûs*, and “loathe” is a good translation. *Qûs* is a parallel to *ma'as* used in the first half of the verse which we translated “despise.” The advice is to not despise chastisement and not to loathe punishment. The word translated into the English as “correction” (KJV), “rebuke” (NIV), or “reproof” (NAS), is the Hebrew verb, *tôkachath*, and means “strong punishment.”

CTL Proverbs 3:11 - My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord; do not loathe His strong punishment.